

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for June 16, 2024**

Immediate Prayer Needs

Ernie and Evelyn Dostalík – parents of Marty Dostalík, Holly Honsey - wife of Ben
The family of Luana Friesth, mother of Lon Friesth

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Ellen Batten, Gary Batten, Haley Turner Bluto, Sandy Briggs, Haley Dostalík, Rocky – cousin of Mike Hilsabeck, Joanne Johnson, Gene Krauss, Charlotte Lenhart, Brad Lint, Barb Powers, Vera Richardson - sister of Patty Allen, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Marlene Schossow - mother of Beverly Russell, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday! Joseph Honsey, Curt Johansen, Matthew Jordahl, Eugene Krauss, Rita Stackhouse, Arbor Calahan, Marilyn Nizzi, Cecelia Stammer, Paul Kallenbach, Jay Lounsberry, Zayden Appenzeller, Martha Mitchell

Happy Anniversary! Nick and Kristin Medhurst

Communion – All communion wafers are gluten free. Find directions for communion in the bulletin margins.

Flowers on the altar are given by Mike, Jenie, Allison and Samantha in honor of fathers everywhere.

Welcome Pastor Kathleen Wohlers. Thank you for sharing your time and wisdom with us this Sunday morning.



10:00 a.m. Sunday Fellowship: After worship we meet in the Gathering Hall to share coffee, donuts, juice, and fellowship between worship and the education hour.



Next week we will have two visitors with us in worship on Sunday: Vicar Jesse will attend, possibly with family, prior to her first day, and our first Vicar, Bunny Dillard will also be present!



Worship Volunteers Needed for summer!

For June 23: 1 Greeter, 2 Communion Assistants, and someone to set up coffeetime

For June 30: 1 Greeter, 1 Lector, 1 Coffee/donut server

Can you help? [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#)



Preparation for Worship - A new Sunday opportunity

We have begun offering a new prayerful opportunity for members of the congregation to center and prepare for worship.

When: Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m.

Where: The Upper Room.

What to expect: A prayer, a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice will end with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship.



Summer Bible Study on Psalms with Bob Merkley

Bob is a regular attendee of the Tuesday Bible study with Pastor Mike.

The First session met this past Tuesday. Each session is different – you don't need to be at one to come to the next! Please join us:

- Tuesday, June 25, Psalm 136 & 137
- Tuesday, July 18, Psalm 22 & 23

Meet in Grace Hall, 9:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!



June Little Free Pantry Request of the Month: Boxes of Macaroni and cheese, or skillet meal mixes.

Donations for the Little Free Pantry can be given through the [GIVE](#) page where funds will be used to purchase items to stock the pantry or purchase items and place in the wagon in the Main entrance to the Gathering Hall. You can also order items from the Grace Wish List on [Amazon.com](#), which will be shipped directly to the church.

Thank you – we have our June Liturgist spots filled, so now we can focus on the future.

At a minimum we would like to have a team of 4 or 5 people so each can have one set weekend each month. Ideally we would have a larger group on a rotation, with substitutes available to fill in for vacations. If this is of interest to you or you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of this position, please reach out to Pastor Mike mike@gracedm.org and/or Kathy Bowermaster kbowerma@hotmail.com

Liturgists!



Help us prepare for Vicar Jesse!

Vicar Jesse will be moving to Des Moines the week of June 18, with us in worship on June 23rd, and will have her official first day on Monday, June 24th.

We're asking for Grocery store and restaurant gift cards for Vicar Jesse.

Gift cards to local grocery stores and restaurants will help her be able to stock her kitchen with items of her own choosing before her first full paycheck arrives mid-July, and she'll get to explore some of the local options as well.

Place the cards in an envelope, then place in:

- the offering plate on Sundays
- drop into the secure (locked) office mailbox whenever you are in the building.
- If you prefer to have the internship committee make the purchases, simply make a donation using the secure website Give page <https://gracedm.org/give-to-grace/> and note "Vicar's Pantry" in the comment section.

Lydia/Martha Circle

Lydia/Martha Circle will meet Thursday, June 27th at 9:30 am in Grace Hall. There will be a social time to share summer times past, present, and future. Don't forget an item for the Little Free Pantry.

Medical Debt Relief Campaign Update

Between the match Mission Action Fund Match and donations from Grace members, we raised a total of \$15,983.10 ! This amount will relieve approximately 1.5 MILLION dollars in medical debt for lowans. Thank you to all who were able to contribute. You've made a difference in the lives of many lowans. To learn more about UnDue and how they operate, you can search their website <https://unduemedicaldebt.org/> for all sorts of information. For instance, from their website:

How did my donation abolish so much debt? We acquire debt in large bundles from providers like hospitals and physician groups, as well as from collection agencies and debt buyers, millions of dollars at a time for a fraction of the face value. This means your donation relieves about 100x its value in medical debt. Due to industry standard debt prices anyone can be an impactful philanthropist.

Upcoming New Member Classes with Pastor Mike

If you are interested or curious about becoming a member of Grace, a new member class will meet this morning. Meet in the Innovation Lab (near the pop machine, follow the signs).

The next few classes will be held on Sunday, June 30 and Sunday, July 28. If you need to schedule a different time, please contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873.



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